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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were 2 cents lower on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes. The market tone was generally steady entering the holiday weekend. Demand into all channels was light to good, best into resort and vacation areas. Supplies were adequate to available with the lighter weight eggs the most available. Breaking stock supplies were sufficient for the quiet to fairly good demand. Spent hens were at least adequate for the moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal to less than normal for the upcoming week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents lower for medium and down 1 cent for small. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail was moderate to fairly good. Food service movement was mostly moderate to at times good with the best interest coming from popular resort and vacationing areas. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate with mediums and smalls in the longest position.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	60-69	64-66	LARGE	44-51	46
LARGE	60-68	62-65	MEDIUM	29-33	31
MEDIUM	50-56	53-55	SMALL	16-18	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady entering the holiday weekend. Demand into all outlets ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the fairly good demand. Spent hens were at least adequate for normal to less than normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	67-81	67-71
LARGE	61-75	66-70
MEDIUM	51-64	56-58

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good. Food service movement was moderate to instances good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate with the lighter weight eggs the most available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand quiet as most breakers work from regular commitments and previously secured shell eggs. Supplies were in close balance to adequate. Schedules mixed for next week. Trade sentiment steady with a weak undertone.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	66.5-75	68-71
LARGE	62.5-71	64-67
MEDIUM	54.5-63	56-59

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged, although asking prices for next week were trending slightly higher on larger sizes and lower on lighter weights. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to good entering the long holiday weekend. Supplies were irregular, ranging instances short to available. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the fairly good demand. Light type hens were at least adequate for normal to less than normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65-74	68-71
LARGE	61.25-72	66-69
MEDIUM	53.5-61	54-58

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were 2 cents lower on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes. The market tone was steady entering the holiday weekend. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	76-80
LARGE	74-78
MEDIUM	57-61

CHICAGO AND MIDWEST EGGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate instances good. Supplies were usually adequate on all sizes for current needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	66-74	68-70
LARGE	65-73	66-69
MEDIUM	55-64	58-60

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WESTERN REGION EGG Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm on the large sizes, weak on medium with asking prices for next week 1 cent higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4-5 cents lower on medium. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm on the large sizes, weak on the lighter sizes with asking prices for next week 1 cent higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 5 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 70. No new ads noted in Southern California.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	117
EXTRA LARGE	108
LARGE	100
MEDIUM	90

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	91-106
EXTRA LARGE	89-96
LARGE	87-90
MEDIUM	77-80

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	279-349
EXTRA LARGE	219-309
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	199-205

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand quiet as most breakers work from regular commitments and previously secured shell eggs. Supplies were in close balance to adequate. Schedules mixed for next week. Trade sentiment steady with a weak undertone.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	46-48	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	33-39	33-35
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices ranged unchanged when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was usually steady. However, traders were closely watch further market developments. Floor stocks were adequate for current week's normal to heavy breaking schedules. Offerings for early next week were sufficient. Demand was fairly good eventhough some plants will be closed Monday for the holiday. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 22 May 2004 were 1% higher than last week and 3% more than the same week a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	44-48	45-47
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	30-37	31-35
EASTERN REGION AREA: AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -

W/E 22-MAY-04

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,267,025	29,858	11,925	6,696	3,009	4,145
PW	1,304,131	30,602	12,936	7,070	3,170	4,357
LY	1,165,269	29,905	9,832	5,327	2,483	4,147
% CHG PWK	-3	-2	-8	-5	-5	-5
% CHG LY	9	0	21	26	21	0
2004	23,991,253	569,095	230,282	128,135	53,553	83,011
2003	22,561,069	550,850	205,093	113,005	45,194	83,066
% CHG YTD	6	3	12	13	18	0
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE-		CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR		
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)		41.53	42.15	42.23		
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)		38.26	38.81	38.67		

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 44 to 47 cents fob with pasteurized whites report at 68.25 fob. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for whole egg, barely steady for whites with yolk steady to fully steady. Offerings were adequate for all liquid products with available liquid yolk quickly absorbed. Demand was good for whole and yolk and fair for whites. Breaking schedules were heavy this week as most industrial users of egg products planned shortened schedules for the upcoming week. Breaking stock prices were slightly higher when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	9	44	44.00	.00
WHITES	10	58-63	59.60	-3.85
YOLKS	16	46-48	46.91	-.95

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged to higher on both whole and salt yolk, unchanged on sugar yolk but lower on whites when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was mostly steady on yolks, about steady on whole, but unsettled to soft on whites. Demand was only fair. Traders continue to closely watch further market developments. Offerings were close of yolks, usually sufficient on whole, and somewhat more available on whites. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 22 May 2004 were 8% less than the previous week, and 14% less than last year.

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	55-61	57-60	64-68
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		70-90
WHITES	80-90	81-84	85-94
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	58-66	59-62	66-70
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-60	58-60	63-68

(/) - whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower with the balance of prices ranging lower. Trade sentiment was steady at current levels for whole egg and frozen yolk products with whites barely steady. Offerings were adequate for whole egg and whites with sugared yolk made to order and salted yolk closely balanced. Demand was fairly good to good for salted yolk with the balance of products reported as mostly moderate with contractual orders pulled as previously arranged. Breaking stock prices were slightly higher than last week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per pound in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	57-59	57
WHITES	81-84	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	59-62	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-60	58-60

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged on whole and yolks, 3 cents lower on whites. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 5/22 was 54% more than the previous week. Frozen demand light and freezer stocks ample.

Wholesale selling prices, fob shipping point (cents per pound in 30 lb containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	63-66
WHITES	85-88
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-69
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	64-67

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Majority prices were unchanged to lower on whole and yolks; lower on albumen and blends when compared to a week earlier. Activity was light to occasionally good, but most buyers remain cautious and purchasing for immediate needs. However, some sales have developments for third quarter business. Overall, trade sentiment was steady and improved on yolks, mixed to a little soft on whole, and unsettled to weak on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 22 May 2004 were 5% less than the previous week, but 21% more than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 18% more than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb, in cont., trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	2.25-2.90	MOSTLY	2.40-2.55
YOLKS	1.42-1.75	MOSTLY	1.45-1.55
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	6.00-6.90	MOSTLY	6.30-6.50
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.65-2.00	MOSTLY	1.65-1.80

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 21, 2004-MAY 27, 2004**CURRENT LOADS** 63.25**FUTURE LOADS** 76.00**TOTAL LOADS** 139.25

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	48.75	53.00	48.00	50.52	—	56.67	19.50
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	39.00	42.00	1.00
GNR W 4	30.00	33.33	32.00	—	—	—	3.00
GL W J	—	—	66.75	68.00	—	—	2.00
GL W XL	62.60	62.90	59.83	61.63	57.92	60.50	33.00
GL W LG	—	60.90	53.11	56.20	62.30	59.28	40.75
GL W MD	47.07	37.50	43.50	48.33	—	39.00	11.75
GL W SM	34.75	36.13	34.14	35.75	—	—	7.50
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	125.00	128.00	1.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	49.10	48.00	39.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	45.50	2.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	34.00	1.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	33.50	—	37.25	42.00	3.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GL W XL	61.00	64.00	—	71.00	—	68.50	4.75
GL W LG	59.00	63.07	—	69.00	—	66.80	19.25
GL W MD	45.00	49.25	—	—	—	51.00	4.25
NRBS - 48	—	46.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 39	—	40.50	—	—	—	—	2.00

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS
(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to at least moderate. Offerings of spent hens were at least adequate for trade needs. Processing schedules normal to less than normal. Opinions on removal cost were steady.

REMOVAL COST **RANGE MAJORITY**
0-12 8.5-10.5

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Disposal costs were expected to be at least steady.

REMOVAL COST **RANGE MAJORITY**
TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices ranged unchanged to higher. Demand was fairly good to good with offerings fully adequate. Schedules reduced for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

REMOVAL COST **RANGE MAJORITY**
5-10.5 5-6

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules mainly moderate. Offerings adequate.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	69.00	68.00	57.00
SOUTHEAST	69.50	67.50	56.00
MIDWEST	65.00	63.50	54.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	69.50	65.50	57.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	68.29	66.06	56.19

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Sales were too few to report on heavy canners. Light canners were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for lights; mostly fair for heavies with very limited supplies. Offerings of light canners were sufficient. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25.5-32 MAJORITY	26.5-28
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
27-33 MAJORITY	29-29.5
	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 22-May-04
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,472	1,365	2,837
LAST WEEK	1,410	1,214	2,624
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,624	1,463	3,087
TO-DATE/2004	26,267	25,538	51,805
TO-DATE/2003	34,140	26,709	60,849

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	334	0	334
LAST WEEK	310	8	318
SAME WEEK YR AGO	58	0	58
TO-DATE/2004	4,853	61	4,914
TO-DATE/2003	5,306	64	5,370

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,806	1,365	3,171
LAST WEEK	1,720	1,222	2,942
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,682	1,463	3,145
TO-DATE/2004	31,120	25,599	56,719
TO-DATE/2003	39,446	26,773	66,219

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending May 15, 2004		Year-To-Date		
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
Liquid	303	512	3,061	5,215
Frozen	0	0	0	63
Dried	35	0	238	176
Total	338	512	3,299	5,454

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending May 15, 2004		Year-To-Date		
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
Liquid	256	66	1,540	1,926
Frozen	4	53	616	1,320
Dried	80	40	1,219	480
Total	340	159	3,375	3,726

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending May 15, 2004		Year-To-Date		
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
JUMBO	33	0	116	166
EXTRA LARGE	1,530	810	10,247	4,960
LARGE	3,300	2,783	25,973	23,631
MEDIUM	2,310	890	24,660	22,282
UNGRADED	6,060	2,340	96,635	20,046
MISC	800	0	9,614	3,432
TOTAL	14,033	6,823	167,245	74,517

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Data Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

Weekly Cold Storage Holdings - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)

SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)		FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM	05/24/04	3,451	193,836	46,467
AM	05/01/04	3,195	183,458	41,759
CHG		256	10378	4708
PCT CHG		8%	6%	11%

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PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	119	114	93	67
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	112-116	107-111	86-90	60-64
MOSTLY	114-115	109-110	88-89	62-63
RHODE ISLAND	118-122	113-117	92-96	66-70
MOSTLY	118	113	92	66
VERMONT	115-132	110-127	95-104	-
MOSTLY	132	127	104	-

Movement of Eggs into Retail Channels

W/E 22-May-2004

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	LY
ATLANTA	25.3	25.2	0	22
BOSTON	3.2	3.6	-11	7
CHICAGO	56.2	62.1	-10	-6
DETROIT	27.7	25.3	9	-8
KANSAS CITY	9.3	10.9	-15	244
LOS ANGELES	101.0	91.7	10	17
NEW ORLEANS	6.4	7.2	-11	-43
NEW YORK	31.1	30.1	3	-10
ST. LOUIS	16.9	15.6	8	-17
SAN FRANCISCO	18.8	23.3	-19	-20
TOTAL	295.9	295.0	0	1
4 WK MVG AVG	293.8			

Commercial Egg Movement Report

W/E 22-May-04

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	219.0	2	7
E.N. CENTRAL	566.1	-3	5
W.N. CENTRAL	289.9	1	0
S. ATLANTIC	187.6	-4	-3
S. CENTRAL	63.8	-7	-4
WEST	180.9	-1	-5
TOTAL	1507.3	-2	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		85	85
AREAS COVERED:			
NORTH ATLANTIC (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)			
EAST NORTH CENTRAL (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN)			
WEST NORTH CENTRAL (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)			
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY)			
SOUTH CENTRAL(TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)			
WEST (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)			

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